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SUMMARY: WE SUMMARIZE BELOW THE RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSIONS
THAT THE DEFAD AND DEPDEFAD INITIATED WITH THE FRG, BELGIAN,
DANISH, AND NORWEGIAN DEFADS CONCERNING THEIR NATIONS'
RESERVATIONS ON THE LTDP REPORT. END SUMMARY.

1. FRG DEFAD (VON SANDRART) INDICATED THAT THE FRG WOULD
BE FALLING OFF A NUMBER OF ITS FOOTNOTES, CITING, AS
EXAMPLES, IN THE REPORT TO THE SUMMIT, THE AD REFERENDUM
FOOTNOTE ON ADDITIONAL EUROPEAN RESERVE BRIGADES AND, IN
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ANNEX D (MARITIME POSTURE), THE FOOTNOTE "ACCEPTED IN
PRINCIPLE" ON THE FITTING OF COMMON LINK 11 TERMINALS,
PARA 12(A)(I).

2. VON SANDRART SAID THE FRG WOULD HOLD FIRM ON ITS VIEWS
ON THE ISSUES ON C3 (ANNEX F) AND CONSUMER LOGISTICS
(ANNEX J). THE DEFAD POINTED OUT THAT THE FRG WAS FOOT-

NOTING A QUESTION OF FACT IN PARAGRAPH 4, ANNEX F, ON COSTS BEING WITHIN AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 3 ANNUALLY. VON SANDRART SAID HE WOULD CALL THIS TO BONN'S ATTENTION, HOPING THAT BONN MIGHT LIFT THAT FOOTNOTE. HE HOPED, TOO, THAT BONN MIGHT WITHDRAW ITS FOOTNOTE ON PARAGRAPH 8, PERTAINING TO THE WAR HEADQUARTERS IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM. COMMENT: DESPITE VON SANDRART'S STATEMENT THAT BONN WOULD HOLD FIRM ON C3, IT APPEARS THAT THE FRG MIGHT FALL OFF BOTH ITS FOOTNOTES ON ANNEX F. PERHAPS VON SANDRART WAS INCLUDING MIDS, FROM ANNEX E (AIR DEFENSE) UNDER THE C3 RUBRIC -- HERE THE FRG WILL PROBABLY KEEP ITS FOOTNOTE, SINCE VON SANDRART DESCRIBED MIDS AS A VERY COMPLEX AND EXPENSIVE SYSTEM THAT REQUIRED MORE STUDY. END COMMENT.

3. ON CONSUMER LOGISTICS, VON SANDRART RE-EMPHASIZED WHAT THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN SAYING FOR SOME TIME. THE FRG IS NOT AGAINST PROPOSALS THAT THE US FAVORS, E.G., LOG COMMAND IN AFCEANT AND 7 DAY COMMAND CONTROLLED STOCK OF SELECTED MUNITIONS. THE FRG SIMPLY THINKS THAT THE PROPOSALS NEED MORE STUDY. HE FELT CERTAIN, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT AN ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE COULD BE REACHED AFTER THE SUMMIT ON THE LOG COMMAND QUESTION. HE THOUGHT THAT PERHAPS US-UK-FRG TRILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON CONSUMER LOGISTICS ISSUES POST-SUMMIT WOULD BE USEFUL.

4. BELGIAN DEFAD (VAN DRIESSCHE) SAID BELGIUM CANNOT
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JUSTIFY, POLITICALLY OR ECONOMICALLY, PAYING FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE FORWARD STATIONING OF THE NETHERLANDS BRIGADE. BELGIUM WILL THEREFORE MAINTAIN ITS FOOTNOTE ON THAT ISSUE. HE SAID THAT BELGIUM WILL MAINTAIN ITS FOOTNOTE ON THE NATO AEW PROJECT (ANNEX E, PARAGRAPH 7) BECAUSE BELGIUM SEES THIS AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE AND, IN THAT SENSE, RELATED TO THE PROBLEMS WITH I-HAWK. VAN DRIESSCHE SAID BELGIUM MAY POSSIBLY DROP ITS FOOTNOTE ON INTERCEPTOR AIRCRAFT (PARA 11(A)(V), ANNEX E), BUT WILL NOT REPEAT NOT DROP ITS RESERVATION ON PARA 11(A)(VI), ANNEX E.

5. ON ANNEX J (CONSUMER LOGISTICS), VAN DRIESSCHE SAID BELGIUM CANNOT ACCEPT STRENGTHENING THE STAFF SUPPORT AT NATO HEADQUARTERS (PARA 5) BECAUSE BELGIUM WOULD THEN HAVE TO AGREE TO THE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO ACCOMPLISH THE STRENGTHENING. ALSO, ON THE ADDITIONAL SEVEN DAYS' SUPPLY OF COMMAND CONTROL STOCKS, VAN DRIESSCHE SAID BELGIUM AGREES ONLY REPEAT ONLY TO A 30-DAY SUPPLY OF AMMUNITION. ON A PERSONAL BASIS, HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHY BELGIUM MAINTAINED A RESERVATION ON THE WORDING OF THE RECOMMENDATION ON THE DISCHARGE OF BULK CARGO, PARA 12(G), AND HE EXPECTED THE RESERVATION TO BE DROPPED.

6. DANISH DEFAD (MOGENSEN) SAID THAT THE ONLY WAY DENMARK COULD LIFT ALL ITS RESERVATIONS (AT MOGENSEN'S COUNT, TEN) WOULD BE TO INSERT A STRONG GENERAL RESERVATION ON THE ENTIRE LTDP, WHICH WOULD BE A POOR COURSE OF ACTION. HE

SAID THAT DENMARK WAS SERIOUS ABOUT ITS RESERVATIONS, HAD THOUGHT THEM THROUGH CAREFULLY, AND BELIEVED THEY PROTECTED DENMARK FROM OVERCOMMITMENT.

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7. NORWEGIAN DEFAD (HEIDEMSTROM) SAID THAT NORWAY WILL WITHDRAW ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE FOOTNOTES ON INTERCEPTOR AIRCRAFT AND STRENGTHENING SAM DEFENSES, (3) AND (5) PARA 11, ANNEX E, AS FOOTNOTE (1) ON THAT PARAGRAPH ADEQUATELY COVERED NORWAY'S CONCERNS. ALSO, HE NOTED THAT NORWAY HAD WITHDRAWN A NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS AT THE DPC MEETING, AND, AT HIS COUNT, HAS ONLY THREE FOOTNOTES REMAINING. BENNETT

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